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ABSTRACT

This annotated bibliography from the Materials Review and Evaluation Services lists reviewed and evaluated reference books for school media collections. Educators should bear in mind that books included on this list were selected from those which publishers chose to submit for evaluation and may assume that books available for purchase not appearing on the list either were not submitted for evaluation or received unfavorable reviews. At the end of this bibliography may be found an unannotated list of books which have had favorable reviews in reliable reviewing sources. Books are listed by author; information provided for each item includes title, publisher, date of publication, cost, and grade level. (Author/RAO)

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REFERENCE BOOKS

This bibliography includes sets of reference books appropriate for school media collections. The review and evaluation of reference books is done in the light of criteria established by Department staff. Those sets of books or single volumes found to be noteworthy are called to the attention of school personnel on the ADVISORY LISTS. Inclusion on the lists is not to be construed as being tantamount to approval since the final responsibility for the selection of reference sets rests with the local education agency.

Because the review of media is a continuing activity, it is highly unlikely that all reference materials appropriate for school media collections will appear on any one ADVISORY LIST.

Prices shown are those quoted by publishers and producers. Prices quoted may or may not include postage and are subject to change.

All items included on this bibliography are displayed in the Materials Review and Evaluation Center at 620 North West Street in Raleigh.

PLEASE DO NOT ORDER ITEMS ON THIS LIST FROM THE MATERIALS REVIEW AND EVALUATION CENTER OR FROM THE DIVISION OF TEXTBOOKS. Sources of the items are listed on the DIRECTORY OF PUBLISHERS AND PRODUCERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEDIA REVIEW PROGRAM, a separate publication accompanying the complete set of ADVISORY LISTS OF INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA. An abbreviated or code name for the publisher/producer appearing in the bibliographic entry on this list appears in the DIRECTORY, where the complete address follows the code name.

Schools may use this list to aid in selection of materials but are in no way restricted to purchasing items on this list.

SPECIALIZED REFERENCE SETS

NOTE: Specialized works cover more than one subject. They include general sets and/or single volumes treating more than one subject but with less comprehensive coverage than general encyclopedias. These works should be considered for purchase after the more comprehensive general works have been provided where needed.

THE RANDOM HOUSE ENCYCLOPEDIA. 2 vols. Random, 1977. 2856 p. $69.95. Grades 7-12
VOLUME I: THE COLORPEDIA; VOLUME II: THE ALPHAPEDIA

Two-volume reference set composed of an "Alphapedia" of 25,000 entries alphabetically arranged in quick-reference style and a "Colorpedia" of over 10,000 photos, drawings, charts, and diagrams, nearly all in color; lavish, beautiful Colorpedia is the drawing card--Alphapedia contains considerably fewer entries than expected, with information in each highly condensed, topical; developed thematically (as opposed to Alphapedia's alphabetical arrangement), Colorpedia pictorially explores in two-page spreads different aspects of "The Universe," "The Earth," "Life on Earth," "Man," "History and Culture," "Man and Science," "Man and Machines"; extremely informative drawings and charts; in addition to visual color, clarity, and attention to detail, the Colorpedia salvages content sacrificed to excessive brevity in Alphapedia; terse, almost elliptical articles of

THE RANDOM HOUSE ENCYCLOPEDIA. (Cont'd)

Alphapedia are much strengthened by fuller explanations accompanying Colorpedia's graphics; excellent cross-referencing of the two volumes; reading level will be easily handled by teen-agers with fairly good vocabulary; small, fine print in Alphapedia is difficult to read; larger, darker print of Colorpedia is much more acceptable; worthy purchase for the excellent pictorial concept of the Colorpedia

SETS RELATING TO SPECIFIC SUBJECT AREAS

Cultural Arts

Carter, Michael. CRAFTS OF THE WORLD: CRAFTS OF CHINA. Doubleday, 1977. 144 p. $9.95. Grades 10-12

Beautiful book about the China that is made of silk and lacquer; links Chinese history with Chinese crafts; color photos stand out like a butterfly kite against a cloudless sky; a bargain resource on China and its artisans; how-to sections included, but book's meat is in photos; text is brief, factual, teacher-oriented

PHAIDON COLOUR PLATE SERIES. Phaidon/Dutton, 1977. each 48 p. each $6.95. Grades 10-12

Onasch, Konrad. RUSSIAN ICONS
Peppin, Anthea, and William Vaughan. FLEMISH PAINTING
Vergo, Peter. THE BLUE RIDER
Wright, Christopher. FRANS HALS
Wright, Christopher. GEORGES DE LA TOUR

Each hard-cover volume contains 48 colorplates, roughly 8½" x 11", and preliminary descriptive information; detailed commentary like that of typical museum docent; biographical data and talk of balance, values, etc.; study-oriented books for students already motivated; the art largely speaks for itself--more space for works than words; selections illustrate fine points of technique rather than whole genre; some plates are enlarged details of paintings also shown in full; high-quality printing; some volumes have outline biographies and bibliographies; series includes (as of spring, 1978) 42 books primarily on individual artists, from Beardsley to Velasquez; broader subjects are covered in ABSTRACT PAINTING and RUSSIAN ICONS; fine, economical set for art or social studies

Shapiro, Nat, comp. & ed. AN ENCYCLOPEDIA OF QUOTATIONS ABOUT MUSIC. Doubleday, 1978. 418 p. $10. Grades 10-12

More than 2,000 quotations about music by people ranging from Mitch Miller to Mozart, to Elton John in an absorbing book; divided into very specific categories: composers, the music business, protest songs, "blues and blacks," music and solitude, music and war; voices are both reverent and raunchy; as many views of the subject as speakers; some obscenity and sexual metaphors; indexed

Guidance

Dreyer, Sharon Spredemann. THE BOOKFINDER: A GUIDE TO CHILDREN'S LITERATURE ABOUT THE NEEDS AND PROBLEMS OF YOUTH AGED 2-15. AGS, 1977. 650 p. $25. Teacher use

Much needed reference to aid in selecting books dealing with over 450 common needs and problems of young people--e.g., making friends, going to the hospital, responsibility for a pet, death of a parent; contains 1,031 numbered entries of selected hardbound books published before 1975, arranged alphabetically by author; each entry includes bibliographic information and an annotative description of plot, themes, characters; additionally, a separate subject index describes primary and secondary themes, lists recommended age levels, gives additional formats in which publication is available--e.g., paperbound, talking, sound filmstrip; unusual split-page format allows top half of page containing separate subject, author, title, and publishers' indexes to be kept open while user refers to numbered annotations designated in lower half; introduction discusses bibliotherapy, offers suggestions for use, provides annotated list of nine selection aids describing titles not covered in BOOKFINDER (e.g., out-of-print titles), and gives a bibliography of professional books and articles describing, analyzing, and applying bibliotherapy; excellent, useful guide and selection aid for teachers, librarians, counselors, parents, psychologists, psychiatrists; a must for every school and public library

Health, Safety, and Physical Education

Fishbein, Morris, M.D. MODERN HOME DICTIONARY OF MEDICAL WORDS: WITH DESCRIPTIONS, USES, AND STANDARDS OF COMMONLY USED TESTS. Dolphin, 1976. 267 p. $1.95 paper. Grades 7-12

Easy, laymen's-language dictionary of medical terms which also includes extensive section on medical tests, particularly the wealth of medical information available to specialists through blood tests; many, many words from "sore" to "xerophthalmia," all briefly, simply defined; reliable, pocket-sized source of information

Menke, Frank G. THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SPORTS. 6th rev. ed. Dolphin, 1977. 1132 p. $8.95 paper. Grades 9-12

Complete history of nearly 80 sports from football and basketball to water polo and yachting; athletic contributions of thousands of sports figures, both men and women, briefly capsuled; writing style is engrossing, colorful, not dry and statistical; all kinds of data on all sports in page after page of statistics; no illustrations; major drawback of this paperback edition is extremely small print, which renders the entertaining narrative almost useless except for most avid sports fans who have excellent vision

Languages

Morris, William and Mary. MORRIS DICTIONARY OF WORD AND PHRASE ORIGINS. Harper, 1977. 654 p. $15. Grades 7-12

Readable, entertaining volume on origins and meaning of words and expressions in current English usage; based on previously published DICTIONARY OF WORD AND PHRASE ORIGINS, Volumes I-III (1962, 1967, 1971); contains entries such as "catbird seat," "Catch-22," "goldbricking," "on the Fritz," "red tape," and "dingbat," usually defined according to current usage; interesting, gossipy

MORRIS DICTIONARY OF WORD AND PHRASE ORIGINS. (Cont'd)

tidbits on word histories will fix many meanings firmly in minds of less motivated and less verbal students; clever narrative style will appeal to reference users and/or browsers; may supplement but not replace more scholarly standard etymologies as serious tool for research; uneven coverage, some entries extremely brief, others long, some rambling, with occasional extraneous material; statements are not usually documented, are often phrased "probably originated in" or "we suspect," etc.; extensive, helpful index; worth purchasing for coverage of some current words and expressions not found elsewhere and especially for its witty and memorable style that will inform many who otherwise would yawn widely at the history of our language; should be allowed to circulate

Media Education

Boe, John Oliver. THE TELEVISION SPONSORS DIRECTORY: A "PRODUCT CROSS-REFERENCE." Quarterly. Everglades, Fall 1978. 220 p. annually $19.40. single issue $6.95. Grades 8-12

A directory to over 9,000 consumer products manufactured by corporations which sponsor television programs; alphabetized listings provide product, companies and subsidiaries, board chairmen, addresses, and cross-references all the way from product to parent company--quite a "family tree" in many instances; also provides names and addresses of government officials who respond to consumer complaints and inquiries; invaluable reference for those analyzing the power behind television selections and examining big business conglomerates' inescapable, built-in conflicts of interest (e.g., Dannon Yogurt is owned by Beatrice Foods, which in turn owns Samsonite Luggage, etc., etc.); updated quarterly (See TELEVISION AND VALUES KIT on 1978 Media Education Advisory List)

Bo[illegible]e, Deirdre, and Stephen Calvert, eds. CHILDREN'S MEDIA MARKET PLACE. Gaylord, 1978. 411 p. $15.95 paper. Teacher use

In addition to publishers, producers, organizations, and periodical listings, this reference (format like LITERARY MARKETPLACE and AUDIOVISUAL MARKETPLACE) puts school personnel on to money available through federal grants for children's media, acquaints schools with children's TV program sources, directs them state by state to juvenile book clubs and bookstores (none in N.C.?), and prepares them to act as local liasons for "Agents of Children's Properties"; additionally, an "Awards List" and "Calendar of Events" serve as reminders for promotional exhibits throughout year; in order to establish closer ties between public library programs for children and school media programs, public library coordinators and state school media officers appear state by state with lists of examination centers by state, plus alphabetical listing of reviewers of children's media; both publishers and producers listed alphabetically, by format, and by subject; periodical lists lack contemporary relevance (no TUBE or SKATEBOARD) and appear dominated by denominational literature for the child; "Children's Television Program Sources" are listed by state and broken down by TV station (again, North Carolina is omitted); despite omissions, the idea is good; a worthy first buy--media coordinators can start adding their own entries

Science

Bianchini, Francesco, and Francesco Corbetta. HEALTH PLANTS OF THE WORLD: ATLAS OF MEDICINAL PLANTS. Newsweek, 1977. (Available from Purnell.) 242 p. $13.95. Grades 10-12

Unusual book dealing with medicinal properties and pharmacological uses of a variety of plants found round the world; gives Latin generic, specific, and (often) varietal names as well as common names and cites geographic areas where plants live; reviews herbs' usages through the centuries, mentions famous personalities who discovered, used, or wrote about them, and tosses in a bit of folklore to enhance interest; text accompanying illustrations gives information in preceding statement, whereas text in glossary gives physical description of plants; appendix, glossaries, bibliography, and index are on heavy yellow paper stock in back of book; although book projects overall appeal on first examination, small print and difficult vocabulary may discourage most secondary students; probably more appropriate for professional herbalists or botanists but useful for research by advanced botany students; life-like illustrations are useful for identifying plants; weak binding necessitates careful handling; for comprehensive media collections that can afford such an esoteric and fragile item

Heberer, Gerhard, and Herbert Wendt, eds. GRZIMEK'S ENCYCLOPEDIA OF EVOLUTION. Van Nostrand, 1976. 560 p. $39.50. Grades 10-12

Concise, readable, complete reference on evolution, beginning with history and meaning of evolution, moving to a chapter on paleontology as a science, then reviewing the phylogenetic relationships within the animal kingdom; remaining 430 pages give the sequential progression through geologic time from earth's beginning and beginning of life to evolution of man and presently living domestic animals; hundreds of color and black-and-white plates make the book a visual pleasure; appendices include a table of systematic classification, supplementary readings list, and picture credits; each section was written by several authors and edited by a recognized authority with the result that writing style varies from chapter to chapter and European syntax in places might make reading awkward for some; authoritative, readable, and accurate introduction to complex subject

HOW IT WORKS: THE ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. 2nd ed. 22 vols. Cavendish, 1978. $259.50. Grades 6-9

Machines, inventions, tools, and technology from early times to the present, along with thumbnail sketches of more well-known inventors and scientists in unsigned articles of varying lengths; illustrations are clear, colorful diagrams, photographs, and reproductions; highly condensed; not suited for in-depth study; Volume 22 contains glossary, thematic index, and general index; preview before purchase

Hurlbut, Cornelius S., Jr., ed. THE PLANET WE LIVE ON: AN ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE EARTH SCIENCES. Abrams, 1976. 527 p. $37.50. Grades 8-12

The best of several dictionaries and technical volumes on the earth sciences in print today, offering complete, clear explanation of various terms and concepts arranged alphabetically by topic and providing a subject guide (appendix); in one volume readers can find brief, simply written explanations of everything from ablation (loss of snow) to zone (a biostratigraphic unit); in between are thousands of entries written in simple form, many illustrated with photographs and diagrams; appendices include a table of mineral properties and a complete list of the principal features of the earth; the readability,

THE PLANET WE LIVE ON. (Cont'd)

completeness, and illustrations of this unusual reference book should make it a required addition to professional and student libraries of every secondary school in North Carolina

NEW JUNIOR ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SCIENCE, 16 vols. Orbis, 1975. (Available from Purnell.) $189.50. Grades 6-12

Treats many scientific topics in both biological and physical sciences; numerous articles suggest topics to think about relating to subject under discussion, with suggested activities reinforcing the learning; accurate content with minimal technical terms; color photographs and drawings, black-and-white photographs, diagrams, graphs, charts; appropriate for science reference shelf in upper middle grades and high school

Sheehan, Angela, ed. THE PREHISTORIC WORLD. Warwick Pr., 1976. (Available from Watts.) 160 p. $5.95. Grades 7-12

Excellent reference book on fossils for beginners, tracing formation of earth and geologic time, to fossil preservation; major periods of earth history briefly described, with emphasis on plants and animals of each; extremely well written, accurate, superbly illustrated; hundreds of photographs and illustrations highlight, clarify text; index, time lines, maps, diagrams; outstanding

TIME-LIFE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF GARDENING. Time-Life, 1971-1978. (Available from Silver Burdett.) each 160 p. each $8.97. Grades 4-12

Titles: ANNUALS; BULBS; EVERGREENS; FLOWERING HOUSE PLANTS; GARDEN CONSTRUCTION; GARDENING UNDER LIGHTS; GREENHOUSE GARDENING; HERBS; LANDSCAPE GARDENING; LAWNS AND GROUND COVERS; PERENNIALS; PESTS AND DISEASES; ROSES; TREES; VEGETABLES AND FRUITS; WILDFLOWER GARDENING

Attractive reference set for the gardener or any other person interested in plants as a hobby or business; topically arranged with an entire volume devoted to a single topic; topics covered include annuals, roses, landscape gardening, lawns, flowering house plants, bulbs, evergreens, perennials, flowering shrubs, trees, foliage plants and vegetables, and fruit; each volume has table of contents and index; contributing consultants listed; both common and scientific names of plants, shrubs, etc., given; appendices in each volume include such information as planting times and tables of characteristics of each plant, shrub, tree; copiously illustrated with beautiful, colored photographs and drawings; includes some maps showing frost zones, growing seasons, temperatures; detailed information on such topics as soils, fertilizers, pesticides, diseases, watering, light, propagation, other essentials for successful gardening; sturdy, attractive bindings with colored photographs on back covers; volumes numbered on spines; quality paper and readable print are attractive inducements; useful for plant identification at elementary and high school levels, for reference or independent study in general agriculture, home economics, horticulture classes

WILD, WILD WORLD OF ANIMALS. Time-Life, 1976-1978. (Available from Silver Burdett). each 128 p. each $8.76. Grades 6-12

Titles: BEARS AND OTHER CARNIVORES; BEAVERS AND OTHER POND DWELLERS; BIRDS OF FIELD AND FOREST; BIRDS OF SEA, SHORE, AND STREAM; THE CATS; DANGEROUS SEA CREATURES; ELEPHANTS AND OTHER LAND GIANTS; INSECTS AND SPIDERS; ISLAND LIFE; KANGAROOS AND OTHER CREATURES FROM DOWN UNDER; LIFE IN THE CORAL REEF; LIFE IN ZOOS AND PRESERVES; MONKEYS AND APES; REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS; SONGBIRDS; WHALES AND OTHER SEA MAMMALS; WILD HERDS

Continuing series of publications adapted from TIME-LIFE film series distinguished by excellent full-color photos, all fully captioned; brief text, occasionally excerpted from commentary by well-known writers (William Faulkner, Thoreau, Theodore Roosevelt, others); maps, charts, authentic, fascinating

THE WORLD'S WILD PLACES. Time-Life, 1974-1977. (Available from Silver Burdett.) each 184 p. each $8.97. Grades 10-12

Titles: AFRICA'S RIFT VALLEY; THE AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK; THE GREAT BARRIER REEF; LABRADOR; THE SAHARA; WILDERNESS EUROPE

Each of six volumes deals with a particular natural area, exploring every aspect of its natural environment with an eye for its unique qualities; well-written text avoids complications of language or explanation that might confuse readers; numerous breathtaking color photos, each carefully labelled and explained, are an experience in themselves; excellent general quality of each volume permits its use as an overview of geography and ecology of the area without fear of discovering errors or inconsistencies in later, more detailed reading; readers can experience pure pleasure, whether they read for information or enjoyment; bibliography and index; should be a part of every secondary school reference collection

Social Studies

Barone, Michael, et al. THE ALMANAC OF AMERICAN POLITICS 1978: THE SENATORS, THE REPRESENTATIVES, THE GOVERNORS--THEIR RECORDS, STATES, AND DISTRICTS. Dutton, 1977. 1029 p. $16.95. $7.95 paper. Grades 8-12

Up-to-date compendium of political overviews for each of the 50 states, summarizing each state's recent political leanings, population makeup--blue collar, white collar, sectional issues, etc.--and forecasting issues that will determine upcoming elections; also profiles the governor, both senators, each representative, vital statistics of their political history and voting records; 1978 fall elections undoubtedly outdate some of contents; published biennially; highly useful

THE GREAT CITIES. Time-Life, 1976-1978. (Available from Silver Burdett.) each 200 p. each $10.95. Grades 10-12

Titles: AMSTERDAM; BERLIN; HONG KONG; JERUSALEM; LONDON; MOSCOW; NEW YORK; PARIS; PEKING; RIO DE JANEIRO; ROME; TOKYO; VENICE; VIENNA

Cities which have bridged ancient and modern times vividly described in pictorial essays by writers and photographers who have caught the flavor of countrysides, backstreets, thoroughfares, varied peoples, diverse moods, beauty and imperfection, strength and weakness, integrity and shame; richly colored, full-page photographs labeled and described in mini-essays; large print, attractive spacing; bibliography and index; an aesthetic delight

MACDONALD COUNTRIES. Macdonald Educational. (Available from Silver Burdett.) each 63 p. each $6.57. Grades 6-9

BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG: THE LAND AND ITS PEOPLE. 1976
CANADA: THE LAND AND ITS PEOPLE. 1974
CHINA: THE LAND AND ITS PEOPLE. 1974
EGYPT: THE LAND AND ITS PEOPLE. 1975
FRANCE: THE LAND AND ITS PEOPLE. 1973
GREAT BRITAIN: THE LAND AND ITS PEOPLE. 1975
GREECE: THE LAND AND ITS PEOPLE. 1974
INDIA: THE LAND AND ITS PEOPLE. 1975
ISRAEL: THE LAND AND ITS PEOPLE. 1977
ITALY: THE LAND AND ITS PEOPLE. 1974
JAPAN: THE LAND AND ITS PEOPLE. 1975
MEXICO: THE LAND AND ITS PEOPLE. 1976
THE NETHERLANDS: THE LAND AND ITS PEOPLE. 1976
NIGERIA: THE LAND AND ITS PEOPLE. 1975
SOVIET UNION: THE LAND AND ITS PEOPLE. 1975
SPAIN: THE LAND AND ITS PEOPLE. 1974
TURKEY: THE LAND AND ITS PEOPLE. 1976
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: THE LAND AND ITS PEOPLE. 1974
WEST GERMANY: THE LAND AND ITS PEOPLE. 1974

Panoramic view of 19 major countries via numerous photographs, illustrations, maps, diagrams, and brief, simple text; 52 chapters in each book presented on facing pages capture distinct spirit, flavor, of individual countries, covering historical background, cultural heritage, religious beliefs, leisure activities, family life, foods, political movements, influential personalities; separate reference section with ready information on physical and human geography, chronological list of historical dates and leaders, noted musicians, writers, artists, scientists, inventors, and graphic picture of economic conditions; gazetteer of principal places; complete index; valuable reference tool, enjoyable browsing material; minimal text and visual excellence make this set ideal for "reluctant" high school readers

THE OLD WEST. Time-Life, 1973-1978. (Available from Silver Burdett.) each 240 p. each $7.95. Grades 7-12

Titles: THE ALASKANS; THE CANADIANS; THE CHRONICLERS; THE COWBOYS; THE EXPRESSMEN; THE FORTY-NINERS; THE FRONTIERSMEN; THE GREAT CHIEFS; THE GUNFIGHTERS; THE INDIANS; THE LOGGERS; THE MEXICAN WAR; THE MINERS; THE PIONEERS; THE RAILROADERS; THE RIVERMEN; THE SOLDIERS; THE SPANISH WEST; THE TEXANS; THE TOWNSMEN; THE TRAILBLAZERS

Old West revisited in text, prolific photographs, colorful drawings, other eye-pleasing illustrations; recounts many contributions of trailblazers, Indians, soldiers, cowboys, railroads, Spaniards, journalists, and artists in informed, clearly written chapters accompanied by many rare, authentic, 19th-century photographs; General George Custer on battlefield and at piano, details of Indian village life, fierce and weathered Western scouts, on-site shots of earliest railroad construction crews--all in haunting black-and-white photographs, some by Matthew Brady; exquisite artwork by naturalist John James Audubon, impressive reproductions of Karl Bodmer's paintings among illustrations enhancing comprehensive visual coverage; long, narrative articles of engrossing, journalistic nature; balanced, evenhanded presentation that avoids romanticizing Old West; depicts very real hardships suffered by settlers and Indians alike; sturdy, durable, well bound, reasonably priced; excellent enrichment

PEOPLES OF THE PAST. Macdonald, 1978. (Available from Silver Burdett.) each 61 p. each $5.97. Grades 5-7

Crosher, Judith. THE AZTECS
Crosher, Judith. THE GREEKS
Gibson, Michael. THE VIKINGS
Millard, Anne. THE EGYPTIANS
Place, Robin. THE CELTS

Easy-to-understand resource books for study of ancient peoples and cultures, enhanced by profuse, annotated illustrations in full color; published originally in Britain, text and illustrations are based on archaeologists' findings, epic poetry and sagas, as well as records in hieroglyphs (Egypt) and paintings of daily life (Aztecs); text has pleasant narrative style filled with vivid details of life--family habits, manners, clothing, customs, ceremonies and rituals--which are reinforced in action drawings, diagrams, maps, and many photographs of artifacts; each volume concludes with a time line, historical summary, capsule biographies of famous people of the period, maps, glossary, and index; British spelling and punctuation may raise occasional questions (e.g., "colour," "jewellery," some periods and commas placed outside quotation marks instead of within); appealing visually and narratively; much information for middle graders

Small, Alice, ed. THE CONCISE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF PSYCHOLOGY AND PSYCHIATRY. Watts, 1975. 173 p. $8.87. Grades 7-12

Highly condensed, alphabetically arranged reference of over 250 entries relating to psychology and psychiatry, important persons in the field and their contributions, physiology of brain and nervous system, intelligence, aptitude, social deviations, neuroses, mental illness and its treatment, and influential theories (Oedipus complex, id-ego-superego, introversion-extroversion, etc.); strictly introductory, offering broadest definitions and generalizations and minimal examples; written on level of junior and senior high school readers; lucid and extremely readable; distinguished by commendable effort to present different schools of thought and to emphasize the ambivalent, inexact nature of the human psyche and therefore the danger of absolutist positions on mysteries of the mind and subconscious; well balanced though shallow; excellent print, uncrowded format, good cross-referencing; diagrams, drawings, black-and-white photos; index; useful introductory resource

WORLD WAR II. Time-Life, 1976-1978. (Available from Silver Burdett.) each 208 p. each $8.97. Grades 4-12

Titles: PRELUDE TO WAR; BLITZKRIEG; THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN; THE RISING SUN; THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC; RUSSIA BESIEGED; THE WAR IN THE DESERT; THE HOME FRONT: U.S.A.; CHINA-BURMA-INDIA; ISLAND FIGHTING; THE ITALIAN CAMPAIGN

Authentic, little-known photographs as well as posters, maps, and brief commentaries on people and events in "picto-history" of World War II; each indexed volume arranged with chapters and picture essays; for reference and browsing; outstanding visual appeal

Vocational Education

HOME REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT. Time-Life, 1976-1978. (Available from Silver Burdett.) each 128 p. each $8.67. Grades 10-12

Titles: BASIC WIRING; FLOORS AND STAIRWAYS; HEATING AND COOLING; KITCHENS AND BATHROOMS; MASONRY; NEW LIVING SPACES; PAINT AND WALLPAPER; PLUMBING; ROOFS AND SIDING; SPACE AND STORAGE; WEATHERPROOFING

Attractive, readable set of do-it-yourself home repair and improvement references; each volume gives details through excellent text and simple, clear drawings on specific repair and improvement projects; safety precautions pictured and discussed; illustrations show both men and women at work; sections of colored photographs included where appropriate; will appeal at once to home improving staff and students; additional circulating copies of most popular titles may be considered if adequate budget allows

MAKE IT YOURSELF: THE COMPLETE STEP-BY-STEP LIBRARY OF NEEDLEWORK AND CRAFTS. 20 volumes. Purnell, 1977. unp. $169.50. Grades 7-12

Lavishly illustrated set devoted to needlework and crafts in step-by-step instructions, over 4500 full-color photos and diagrams, covering wearing apparel for women and children (a few for men) and home decorations, such as accent rugs, tablecloths; Volume 1 instructs beginners on basic techniques; each succeeding volume provides information in nine areas: knitting, crochet, dressmaking, beadwork, sewing, rugmaking, embroidery, canvaswork, and crafts; almost no margins creates a cluttered effect in otherwise visually appealing format; British origin of books probably accounts for strictly white Anglo-Saxon models in illustrations; excellent information; outstanding visual content

THE WORLD OF AUTOMOBILES: AN ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE MOTOR CAR. 22 volumes. Purnell, 1977. unp. $179.50. Grades 7-12

A car addict's paradise--a truly pictorial encyclopedia set filled with information on the great cars, drivers, designers, inventors, races; full-color and black-and-white photos on every page, plus diagrams, all well labeled; useful information on automobile mechanics and maintenance; tips on driving included; photos of beautiful automobiles of the past and breathtaking shots of stuntmen propelling autos into midair feats (such as the "Astro Spiral" popularized in James Bond films) will delight good and poor readers alike; text is not easy--many technical terms and foreign names--but style is informal, interest-sustaining; very small print and almost no margins give a crowded, cluttered appearance to format; chief attraction is high-interest topic, superb visual content, solid information on cars and drivers